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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

DAVID M. SINGLETON, LOUIS KRAVETZ,)
BRENDAN D. MURRAY)

Serial No. 09/655,964)

Group Art Unit: 1751

Filed September 6, 2000)

Examiner: Necholus Ogden Jr.

HIGHLY BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL)
COMPOSITIONS, AND BIODEGRADABLE)
DETERGENTS MADE THEREFROM)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

The Applicants hereby file this response to the final rejection of October 19, 2005,
and request continued examination in view of the remarks and the enclosed declaration under Rule
132. The claims present in this application are shown on the following pages.